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A group of women from Trinity Church who had indicated an interest in Altar Guild work met with Pastor Peterson in the parish house on Feb 13, 1961 at 3 p.m.

Present were: Martha Johansen, Della Hood, Frances Balsley, Edith Elliott, Elsa Simonsen, Gertrude Johnson, Nell Larson, Sr. Bernice, Agnes Holleson, Mable Swift, Sjoberg

Pastor Peterson opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

The purpose of an Altar Guild was explained and discussed and various goals mentioned. The name Chancel Committee was chosen.

A number of books and pamphlets were passed around and members urged to read as much as possible on the subject of Chancel Committee work.

It was suggested that Mrs Mary Nyland needed assistance with her work of washing communion vessels and Elsa Simonsen volunteered to help on Sunday, March 5 and Thursday, March 30.

Dates and topics for future meetings were chosen as follows -

March 2 - Church Architecture - Pastor Peterson

April 6 - Flowers for the Altar - Ed Abrahamson, organist to be asked to speak.

May 4 - Acolytes - Pastor Peterson

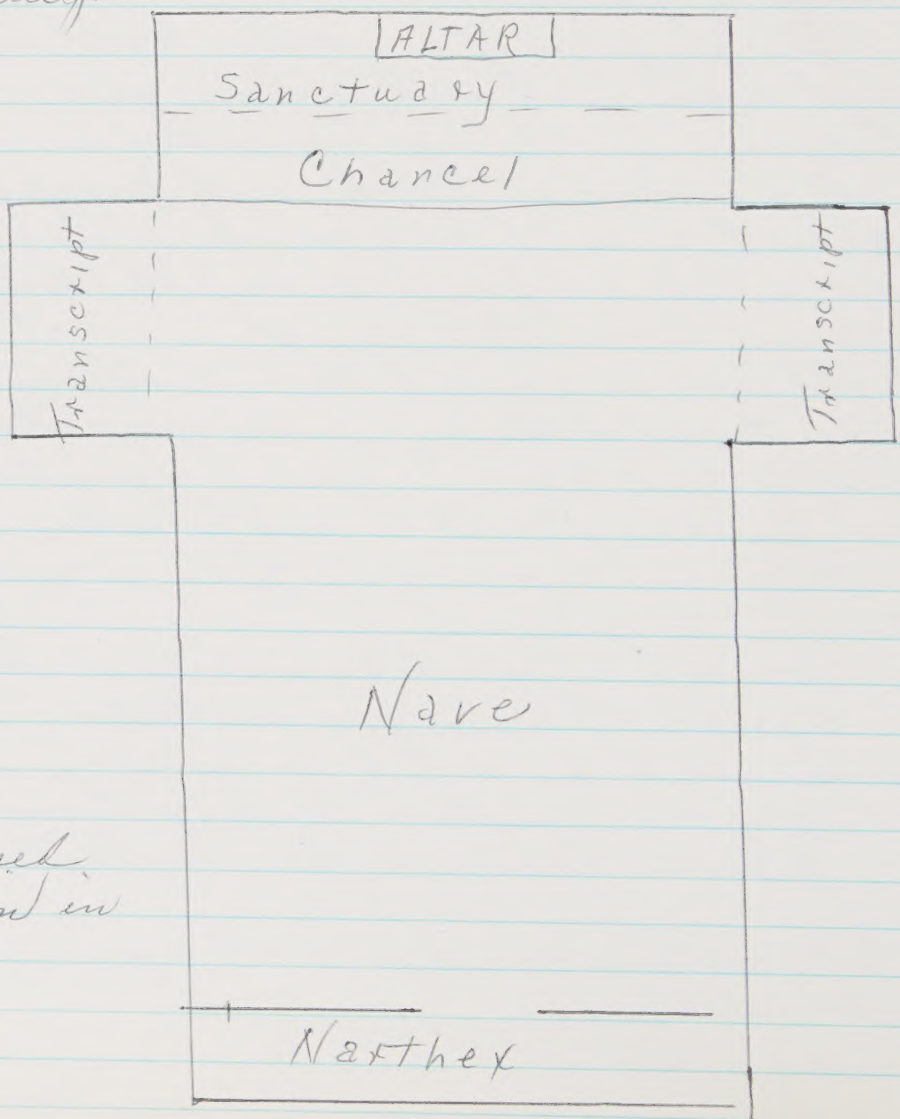
June 1 - Communion Service - Pastor Peterson

The meeting closed with all repeating the benediction.

The Chancel Committee met in Pastor Peterson's study on March 2, 1961 with all members present.

The meeting was opened by a prayer by the Pastor, after which the topic "Church Architecture" was discussed in detail, using our own Trinity Church to illustrate designated parts of the building. The history of some of the named parts was also given. A sketch similar to the one placed on the blackboard is shown below

General Shape - Cruciform



The meeting closed with benediction in unison

The Chancel Committee met in the Pastor's study on April 6, 1961. Absent were Della Hood and Edith Elliott

After a brief prayer by the Pastor, Mr. Ed. Abrahamson, church organist was asked to discuss the "Do's" and "Don'ts" of flower arrangements for the church and especially the altar. Mimeographed sheets of rules and suggestions were given each member and a copy is attached as part of these minutes

In addition to this information, other points to remember were —

Arrangements for both altar vases should follow a triangular form in general to depict the Trinity. Flowers should be balanced and both vases as nearly identical as possible. Odorous flowers should be avoided.

Pastor Peterson was named President of the Chancel Committee and Elsa Simonsen appointed Secretary

It was suggested that the 3 units, serving in rotation alphabetically, provide assistance for Mrs. Nyland at Communion Services and Mable Swift volunteered to assist Mrs Lindberg in preparing for the same services

The Secretary was instructed to purchase florist wire to help in flower arrangement. Sr. Bernice Gotberg and Elsa Simonsen volunteered to arrange flowers for April.

The benediction in unison closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Simonsen Secy

The Chancel Committee met in the Pastor's study on May 4, 1961 at 2 p.m. Absent were
Sr Bernice Sjoberg - who has moved to Seattle
Della Hood
Agnes Halleson
Extremely tardy were Elsa Simonsen
Nell Larson

Prayer by the Pastor opened the meeting. We then discussed the work of acolytes in Trinity worship services. 8 or 10 acolytes are usually trained and then serve in rotation. They might be asked to assist in Church funerals, at Communion service, also at Baptisms. Suggestions were given as to ways in which the Chancel Committee might work more closely with the Acolytes.

Martha Johansen was named Vice Chairman of C.C.

Other business - Announcements about the flower chart in the Narthex were scheduled to be made at unit meetings. Any church member may sign to provide flowers for any Sunday open and the Chancel Committee will arrange them.

Martha Johansen volunteered for May.

Pastor Peterson and Edith Elliott were to confer as to the possibility of making a chart to show unit responsibility in matters pertaining to flower arrangement, hostesses, devotions and so forth.

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Simonsen Secy

The Chancel Committee of Women of Trinity met in the Pastor's Study on June 1, 1961 at 2 p.m. Present were

Pastor Peterson — Edith Elliott
Martha Johansen — Elsa Simonsen
Mable Swift

The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The topic for discussion was Altar Colors. Using the different colored stoles to illustrate his talk, the Pastor led an interesting discussion on the 5 altar colors — white, green, red, violet, and black. It was pointed out that the symbols embroidered on the stoles, while each has a special significance, need not be the same on all stoles of like color.

Briefly colors are used as follows:

White, symbol of purity, thru the Epiphany Season, at Easter and Christmas.

Green, symbolizing the growth of a Christian, thru the Trinity Season, which may be as long as 27 Sundays.

Red, symbol of the blood of martyrs, is used from Pentecost to, but not including Trinity Sunday, also used on Reformation Day, Harvest, and Thanksgiving.

Violet is used thru the Advent Season to, but not including Christmas; also thru Lent except Good Friday.

Black is used for Good Friday and a day of Humiliation.

Since during these designated seasons there may be special occasions which call for

different colors, reference may be made to Pages 276-77 in the Church Service Book and Hymnal where a complete summary of the uses of liturgical colors is given.

It was decided not to hold meetings during July and August so Sept 7 - 2 p m was set as next meeting date. Topic for next meeting to be - The Altar.

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Simonsen, Sec

The Chancel Committee of Women of Trinity met in the Pastor's Study on Sept 21 at 2 p.m.
Present were
Pastor Peterson — Agnes Hallrson,
Mable Swigs — Martha Johnson
Gertrude Johnson — Elsie Simonsen

After the opening prayer, the Pastor read from Leviticus, Chap 16. Reference is made to the sacrifices on the altar and of placing the sins of the people upon a live goat and leading it out into the wilderness to die. This is to show that there is no remission of sin except by shedding of blood.

In the Lutheran Church the altar is always the central point in the Church architecture. It is the place where we offer ourselves to God and God to us.

The raised portion at the back of the altar, known as the reredos, is the proper place for the Cross, the flowers and the candles which signify the light of the world.

A missal stand is placed upon the altar to hold the pericope (book containing the Lesson Epistle, and Gospel for each Sunday). All that should be placed upon the altar itself are the filled offering plates and the elements for Communion.

The 5 crosses embroidered on the Fair Linen on the altar signify the 5 wounds on the body of Christ. In some Churches, where 7 smaller Candles are used they symbolize the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Although in most Churches the altar is made of wood, some modern Churches are using stone as did the temple in Jerusalem, symbolizing everlasting life.

A dossal curtain may be hung above and back of the altar, or a reredos, a screen used to heighten the effect of the altar. The reredos may be elaborately carved and the curtain embroidered richly.

The altar may be so constructed as to have space for safe keeping of records and communion elements, accessible by means of doors at the back.

At the close of the topic discussion, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was emphasized that Trinity has need of better storage space for Paraments and Table Linen. Suggestions were welcomed for possible changes in and Communion Service especially in regard to the time element.

Oct 12, 7:30 was set as next meeting date, after which the benediction was given in unison.

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Simenson Secy

The Chancel Committee of Women of Trinity met in the Pastor's Study on Oct 12 at 2 p m

Present were:

Pastor Peterson — Frances Balsley
Martha Johansen — Elsa Simonsen
Mable Swift

The Pastor opened the meeting by reading from 2nd Corinthians, Chap 5: 17-21 and offered a short prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

It was announced that the church board had accepted an offer of a gift of new green paraments for the church but the responsibility of choosing the color design and material was given to the Chancel Committee.

Designs were first chosen for the cross that Mrs Evelyn Seiberg has volunteered to embroider on the new fair linen.

The balance of the meeting hour was spent in examining fabric and fringe samples, and discussing the various designs available. It was agreed that a final decision not be made until the next meeting which was set for Nov 9 at 2 p m.

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Simonsen Secy

The Chancel Committee met in the Pastors Study on Nov 9 at 2 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The rest of the meeting hour was spent in further discussion about the new paraments. The following order from Augustana Church Supply Catalog was agreed upon.

Superfrontal Design S-3N-51
Antependia Design PN-502
Color - Elm Green
Material - Bemberg Rayon and Tudor Rose pattern
Size 12" — 20" — 9'

Superfrontal has the words Holy - Holy - Holy interspersed with gold crosses similar to the cross on antependia.

A matching thread fringe was chosen.

It was decided not to meet in December and no date was chosen for January.

Meeting closed with benediction in unison.

Respectfully submitted
Elsie Simmons - Secy.

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Jan 11-1962

The Chancel Committee met in the Pastor's Study on Jan 11 at 2 p.m.

The meeting opened with prayer. The new memorial paraments were shown and a suggestion made that the Church Congregation might like to have a funeral pall in matching shade of green.

A motion was made and carried to refer this suggestion to the Church Board and to offer the services of the Chancel Committee to help make or choose such a pall if the Board felt it advisable.

The meeting closed with benediction.

Elsa Simonsen Secy

Feb 15- 1962

The Church Committee of Women of Trinity met in the Pastor's Study on Feb 15 at 2 p m.

Present were

Pastor Peterson — Mabel Swight
Martha Johnson — Elsa Simonsen
Frances Baldley

and Norma Kendrick who was welcomed as a new member.

Following opening prayer, Pastor Peterson reported on the church board's reaction to the suggestion concerning a funeral pall. The board felt that very serious thought be given to any radical changes in the church funeral arrangements lest bereaved families be led to feel that the church was becoming too dictatorial.

The Church Committee agreed that any decision be postponed at present.

The section of the Hymnal relating to funeral services was read and a general discussion held regarding the reasons for holding memorial services in church rather than in the chapel of the mortuary. Others discussed were the suggestions made pastors have to longer rituals being held in connection with memorial services.

March 8 was set as date of next meeting.

Members repeated the benediction unison.

Elsa Simonsen Secy

March 8 1962

The Chancel Committee met in the Pastor's study March 5 at 2 p.m.

Present were

Pastor Peterson — Franny Baldey
Maud Smith — Elsa Simonsen
Martha Johnson — Norma Kircher

The Pastor read from 2nd Corinthians and offered a prayer.

Minutes of 2 previous meetings were read and approved.

The general aims and purposes of an Altar Guild were reviewed and suggestions made for a series of studies planned ahead in order that all Chancel Comm. members become more familiar with the tasks now being performed by certain specific members.

It was pointed out that the entire committee should know more about care and storage of altar linens and communion vessels so that the group might be prepared to function more efficiently.

Several books and manuals were distributed and members were asked to read about altar linens and then care for a discussion topic at the April 12 meeting. For May, "vessels for communion" were suggested as a topic.

The benediction in unison closed the meeting.

Elsa Simonsen
Sec'y.

April 12, 1962

The Chancel Committee met at 2 p m with the following members present:

Pastor Peterson — Martha Johansson
Frances Bakeley — Elsa Simonsen
Mabel Swift

The meeting opened with prayer after which the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Members reported from various books they had read during the month about care of altar linens. It was stressed that while allowances must be made for local customs in different Lutheran churches, all are alike in principle.

The terms "high" and "low" church were explained and examples given of things which may be added to a service to make it more impressive. For instance - the interior height of a church may give a feeling of exaltation or uplift of spirit.

All authorities agree that care of altar linens is a labor of love and should if possible always be done by hand with the exception of the large cloth which covers the altar rail.

Members present were shown where the linens, communion vessels and other supplies are stored.

It was suggested that weddings be the topic for May.

Benediction in unison closed the meeting.

Elsa Simonsen, Secy

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